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AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

AMEMBASSY CONAKRY

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY LIMA

AMEMBASSY NAIROBI

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI

AMEMBASSY PANAMA

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DEPT PASS SANAA AND USINT BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR UNSC XF

SUBJ: MIDDLE EAST AIRCRAFT DIVERSION INCIDENT IN SC

REF: USUN 2885

1. EARLY AUG 15 AMB SCALI AGAIN MADE STRONG CASE TO GHORRA FOR CHANGING "CONDEMNS GOVT OF ISRAEL" TO "CONDEMNS ACTION OF ISRAEL." GHORRA SAID LANGUAGE EXPLICITLY CONDEMNING ISRAELI GOVT WAS CRUCIAL TO PREVENT NON-ALIGNED FROM SUBMITTING THEIR OWN DRAFT, THAT LEBANESE EFFORT WOULD UNRAVEL IF WE PRESSED, AND THAT IN ANY CASE PRECEDENT FOR CONDEMNATION OF ISRAEL RATHER THAN ITS ACTS EXISTED IN SC RES 262, ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

2. SC RES (REFTEL) CONDEMNING ISRAEL FOR AUG 10 DIVERSION OF MEA AIRCRAFT WAS SAVED FROM VETOABLE LANGUAGE BY LEBANON'S STAUNCH RESISTANCE TO NON-ALIGNED AND ARAB EFFORTS TO BROADEN RES TO INCLUDE SANCTIONS. THROUGHOUT MORNING AUG 15 NON-ALIGNED SC MEMBERS AND ARAB LEAGUE GOVTS, IN SEPARATE MEETINGS, HAMMERED AT LEBANESE PERMREP GHORRA TO CHANGE TEXT WHICH US HAD EARLIER SAID IT COULD SUPPORT. GHORRA HELD FIRM AND TEXT EMERGED WHICH WAS ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SEVERAL EXPLANATIONS OF VOTE AS MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TO MAJORITY OF MEMBERS (I.E. NON-ALIGNED) AND MAXIMUM ACCEPTABLE TO OTHERS (I.E. US).

3. WORTH NOTING THAT AT CRITICAL JUNCTURE AUG 15, UK AND FRANCE BOTH TOLD LEBANESE THEY WOULD NOT SPONSOR DRAFT WHICH INCLUDED LANGUAGE THEY KNEW US COULD NOT SUPPORT ("TAKE" VICE "CONSIDER TAKING" IN FINAL PARA). DEPT MAY WISH EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO SPONSORS, AS WELL AS LEBANON, FOR THEIR CO-OPERATION IN ENABLING REASONABLE RESOLUTION TO EMERGE.

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4. AFTER LONG AND PAINFUL HOURS OF LANGUAGE-MONGERING AUG 14 AND MORNING AUG 15, IT BECAME CLEAR TOWARD MID-DAY THAT GHORRA WOULD HAVE HIS WAY. FROM THAT POINT EVENTS MOVED RAPIDLY. ACTUAL VOTE, 15-0-0, WAS ANTI-CLIMAX ALTHOUGH THERE HAD BEEN SOME UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER CHINESE WOULD PARTICIPATE.
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NOTE BY OCT: NOT PASSED SANAA AND BAGHDAD.

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